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The monopoly laws state that harm to the consumer must be proven. With all that I have read and drawing from my personal experience (6 years as a CTO), this was NOT proven. The only ones complaining about Microsoft are those that Microsoft leapfrogged (not always technologically, but always in mind/market share).

If Microsoft really did use bully-boy tactics in the licensing practices, I believe they deserve to be slapped down big time.

This in no way implies that the federal government should be overseeing Microsoft or any other area as to product development, R&D, etc.

Apply appropriate measures for anything illegal Microsoft may have done, but do not punish the rest of the computing world in the same stroke.